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In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the following references, which were found during the prosecution of a co-pending Japanese Patent Application:

Japanese Utility Mode Application Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2-124268  
Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 55-48778

U.S. Patent No. 5,715,783  
U.S. Patent No. 5,676,103  
U.S. Patent No. 5,014,657  
U.S. Patent No. 4,492,190

Copies of the non-U.S. patent references and a form PTO-A820 are attached.

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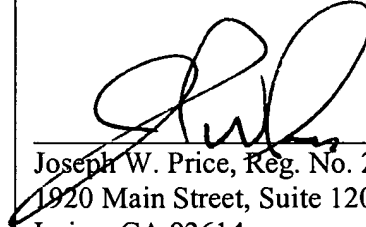


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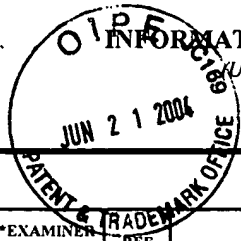
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